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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, Clearance Division

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Acting Chief, Industrial & Certification Branch

SUBJECT: Comments on U.S. Department of Interior Proposal  
regarding DCID 1/14 (U)

REFERENCE: Memorandum for C/Security Center, CIA, from  
Robert A. Smoak, Dept. Foreign Intelligence  
Officer, dtd 29 January 1980 (U)

25X1 1. General security procedures pertaining to SCI access  
approvals for employees of non-NFIB departments are set forth in  
[REDACTED] In most cases the report of investigation is received  
by CIA or reviewed by Clearance Division Liaison; CIA Clearance  
Division adjudicates and Special Security Center grants the SCI  
and conducts appropriate briefings.

2. Reference is a request by the Department of Interior to  
reduce the current scope of reinvestigations and to adjudicate  
their own DCID 1/14 SCI approvals. In order to prepare a response,  
Chief/PPG has requested specific procedural details. On an unsol-  
cited basis, the Department of Interior delivers updated biographic  
packages and reinvestigative reports directly to the Certification  
Section of Clearance Division. This Section reviews and adjudicates  
the report, copies of which are then filed in CIA Security Files.  
A formal confirmation of continuing DCID 1/14 eligibility is not  
provided. Under no circumstances does CIA accept a statement that  
an individual has been properly investigated because a certification  
of continuing eligibility can only be provided by DCID 1/14 adjudi-  
cators.

3. The only procedural variance occurs for political appointees.  
In these cases Clearance Division Liaison must locate and review  
the cases at the White House or other repository. As with other  
SCI reinvestigations, the primary result for satisfactory cases is  
that CIB updates the SPECLE Data Base to reflect the newest BI Date.  
One apparent weakness in current procedures is that there is no  
guarantee that CIB will be notified to change the BI Date unless a  
Form 2018a is received from the Department.

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On file DOI release instructions apply.

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4. In the opinion of I&CB, the Department of Interior makes a reasonable argument for reduced reinvestigation field coverage by quoting from DCID 1/14. They apparently believe that full field coverage, as imposed by the DCI, far exceeds the minimum standards set forth in the DCID. However, having cited the minimum standards, Reference proposes a NACI reinvestigation, which falls below minimum standards.

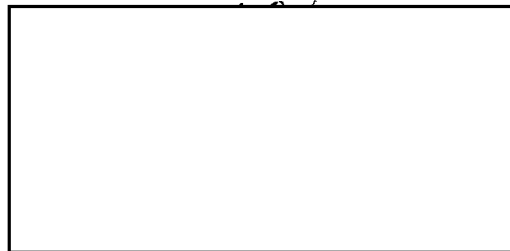
5. On the topic of DCID adjudicators' authority, it is believed that the general statement contained in Reference that their Security Staff meets the criteria expressed in paragraphs 14 and 15 of DCID 1/14 is insufficient justification. Firstly, there is no SIO at Interior to oversee such activity and, secondly, there is considerable doubt that the Department of Interior should justify the creation and maintenance of major continuing programs outlined in paragraph 14 of DCID 1/14.

6. It is therefore recommended that the Department of Interior:

a) be denied the authority to adjudicate DCID 1/14 security cases, and

b) be authorized to reduce field reinvestigation coverage from full field to minimum 1/14 standards, which includes LAC's, NAC's and an optional personal interview.

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Attached is a draft of subject prepared after consideration of your suggestions. The second sentence is an effort at compromise; the C/SSC felt there should be a positive statement that would deny Interior authority to adjudicate. The DC/I&CB was satisfied with an indirect statement ~~xxxxxx~~ that protected CD equities. It is believed the attached ~~xx~~ ~~xxxxxx~~ satisfies both positions, in that there is no doubt CIA will continue to be the agency responsible for adjudication.

Please advise of your concurrence or comment ASAP.

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recommendations  
I don't believe we  
should permit  
an NFIB agency  
that much freedom  
to operate on their  
own.

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Also agree control  
should be maintained.